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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 28 August to 3 September 1992, as follows:

28-29 August 1992

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown by 9 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 116 sorties, flown by 2 four-aircraft formations, 3 three-aircraft formations, 40 two-aircraft formations and 19 single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah, Samawah, Al-Khasr, Salman, Diwaniyah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah and Jubaylah.

29-30 August 1992

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown by F-16 and Mirage aircraft at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Rawanduz and Mosul.

(b) Southern region: 174 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Salman, Lasaf, Amarah, Busayyah, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Artawi.

30-31 August 1992

(a) Northern region: no aerial activity.

(b) Southern region: 141 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16, F-5, Mirage and AWACS aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Qurnah, Jubaylah and Salman.

31 August-1 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Basra, Amarah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Salman, Busayyah, Shubayhah and Artawi.

1-2 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho, Irbil, Mosul and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 91 sorties, flown by F-14, F-16, Mirage and AWACS aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,500 metres, centred over Basra, Artawi, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, and the area to the south of Najaf.

2-3 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown by 8 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 130 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16, Mirage and AWACS aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Ansab, Amarah, Basra, Salman, Artawi, Samawah, Al-Khidr and Shatrah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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